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10	UNITED STATES D	ISTRICT COURT						
11	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA							
12	EDD KING, DIEDRE KING, and ELMO							
13.	SHEEN, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,	Case No.						
14	Plaintiff,	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT						
15	·	CLASS ACTION						
16	V.	JURY TRIAL DEMAND						
17	NATIONAL GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, NATIONAL GENERAL							
18	ASSURANCE COMPANY, INTEGON							
19	NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, INTEGON PREFERRED INSURANCE							
20	COMPANY, MIC GENERAL INSURANCE CORPORATION, PERSONAL EXPRESS							
21	INSURANCE COMPANY, SECURITY NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,							
22	SEQUOIA INSURANCE COMPANY, and DOES1 through 200, inclusive,							
23	, ,							
24	Defendants.							
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Plaintiffs Edd King, Diedre King, and Elmo Sheen, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Class of persons defined below, pursuant to their personal knowledge as to the facts pertaining to themselves and their own acts and otherwise upon information and belief as to all other matters, allege as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- California law requires that insurance companies that write automobile coverage for liability, physical damage collision "or any combination thereof" for defined private passenger vehicles offer a Good Driver discount to statutorily qualified drivers. (Cal. Ins. Code sections 1861.02 and 1861.025.) Such drivers are entitled to purchase a policy with the lowest rate for that coverage from any company having "common ownership" or operating in California under "common management or control." Defendants are such a common control group. Acting together in concert and holding themselves out to be a single entity, they have unlawfully overcharged Plaintiffs and other qualified Good Drivers for automobile insurance.
- 2) Plaintiffs Edd King. Diedre King, and Elmo Sheen therefore bring this suit on behalf of themselves and the following Class of persons:

All of Defendants' current and former policyholders qualified under California law to purchase a Good Driver Discount policy who, from January 1, 2008 through the present (the "Class Period"), paid premiums for Defendants' automobile policies (as defined in *Cal. Ins. Code section 660*), but did not receive a Good Driver Discount (the lowest rates available for that coverage in Defendants' California-licensed common ownership, management or control group (hereafter "Control Group")).

Excluded from the Class are (1) all present and former directors, officers, and management employees of Defendants, (2) any policyholders who filed a lawsuit involving any of the claims asserted here, (3) employees of Plaintiffs' Class Counsel in the case and their immediate families, any judge assigned to this case and their staff, Defendants' counsel of record, and their immediate families, and (4) all persons who make a timely and proper

election to be excluded from the Class.

- Throughout the Class Period and continuing to the present, Defendants have unlawfully overcharged Plaintiffs and the Class members for, and wrongfully retained, automobile insurance premiums in violation of Defendants' rate filings, policy and contractual obligations, and/or marketing representations, and in violation of applicable California law (Cal. Ins. Code §§ 660, 1861.02, 1861.025, 1861.15, and 1861.16). Plaintiffs and all members of the Class held insurance policies issued by Defendants' Control Group and paid premium overcharges as a result of Defendants' unlawful acts and misrepresentations. Plaintiffs and the Class are or were at times during the Class Period legally qualified "Good Drivers" as defined in Cal. Ins. Code sections 1861.02 and 1861.025. Defendants failed to charge them the lowest rates required to be offered by the California AmTrust Group Defendants (designated as Group number 2538 by the California Department of Insurance). The AmTrust Group Defendants have common ownership and operate in California under common management or control as set forth in Cal. Ins. Code Section 1861.16(b).
- 4) Plaintiffs and the Class are all policyholders of Defendant insurers who are or were statutorily defined Good Drivers in the State of California during the Class Period.

 Plaintiffs and the Class were entitled to the marketed, promised and/or filed and legally required lowest premium rate offered by Defendants' Control Group for automobile coverage. Defendants have systematically and uniformly failed to provide these Good Driver premium rates to Plaintiffs and the Class, instead overcharging Plaintiffs and the Class and thereby engaging in in unlawful, unjust, fraudulent and/or unfair business practices. These practices are designed to evade Defendants' legal obligations to provide appropriate Good Driver discounts. Defendants have failed to provide statutorily-mandated discounts and have failed to refund Plaintiffs and the Class for premiums wrongfully taken and retained in direct violation of Defendants' rate filings, policy and contractual obligations, marketing representations and/or applicable California law. In so doing,

1	Defendants have acted and continue to act without reasonable justification and in bad faith.
2	<u>PARTIES</u>
3	5) Plaintiff, Edd King, is a natural person and citizen residing in the City and County of San
4	Francisco, California.
5	6) Plaintiff, Diedre King, is a natural person and citizen residing in the City and County of
6	San Francisco, California.
7	7) Plaintiff, Elmo Sheen, is a natural person and a citizen residing in the City and County
8	of Los Angeles.
9	8) Defendant National General Insurance Company is an insurance company domiciled in
10	the State of Missouri that at times during the Class Period routinely conducted business and
11	maintained a physical presence in San Francisco County and the State of California.
12	9) Defendant National General Assurance Company is an insurance company domiciled in
13	the State of Missouri that at times during the Class Period routinely conducted business and
14	maintained a physical presence in San Francisco County and the State of California.
15	10) Defendant Integon National Insurance Company is an insurance company domiciled in
16	the State of North Carolina that at times during the Class Period routinely conducted
17	business, insured risks, and maintained a physical presence in San Francisco County and
18	the State of California.
19	11) Defendant Integon Preferred Insurance Company is an insurance company domiciled in
20	the State of North Carolina that at times during the Class Period routinely conducted
21	business and maintained a physical presence in San Francisco County and the State of
22	California.
23	12) Defendant MIC General Insurance Corporation is an insurance company domiciled in
24	the State of Michigan that at times during the Class Period, routinely conducted business
25	and maintained a physical presence in San Francisco County and the State of California.
26	13) Defendant Personal Express Insurance Company is an insurance company domiciled in
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the State of California that at times during the Class Period routinely conducted business and maintained a physical presence in San Francisco County and the State of California.

- 14) Defendant Security National Insurance Company is an insurance company domiciled in the State of Delaware that at times during the Class Period, routinely conducted business and maintained a physical presence in San Francisco County and the State of California.
- 15) Defendant Sequoia Insurance Company is an insurance company domiciled in the State of California that routinely conducts business and maintains a physical presence in San Francisco County and the State of California.
- 16) Defendants are related and affiliated companies within the same insurance Control Group. Each of the defendant companies charged premiums and issued policies to the Class member policyholders for personal lines automobile coverages that are subject to the California Insurance Code provisions resulting from the passage of Proposition 103. Throughout the Class Period and continuing to the present, Defendants have issued and issue substantially similar policy forms, rate filings (including required lower rates for Good Drivers), and marketing representations with respect to Good Driver rates. Defendants' applicable rate filings and/or marketing representations with respect to the offering of Good Driver discounts were all drafted, developed, filed and/or approved for use by each Defendant insurer in the same or similar manner and by the same managers and personnel. A common group of representatives, agents, and/or employees of the Defendants directed and committed the wrongful acts alleged here, including overcharging Good Driver California policyholders for auto insurance and failing to reimburse Plaintiffs and the Class for those overcharges. The wrongful conduct emanated, substantially occurred and/or was ratified by each of the Named Defendants in the State of California as members of the same Control Group.
- 17) Defendants hold themselves out as a single entity when marketing their insurance products, including offering a Good Driver Discount policy for California automobile

policyholders. There is actual and/or apparent agency among the Defendants with respect to the conduct, marketing of policies, marketing of Good Driver discounts and the resulting legal and contractual responsibilities of each of the Defendant companies on behalf of the other named Defendant companies.

JURSIDICTION AND VENUE

- This Court has jurisdiction because Defendants conduct substantial business in the State of California and have intentionally availed themselves of the markets and laws of this state. This Court also has jurisdiction pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. Section 1332 (d) (2), because the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs and members of the Class are residents of states different from one or more Defendants Finally, this Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) as numerous members of the Class are citizens of States different from one or more Defendants.
- 19) Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1391 (a) through (c) because Defendants issued the policy contracts, premium billing statements and related forms in this Judicial District. In addition, Defendants maintained a physical presence in this Judicial District; the insurance policies at issue in this litigation were negotiated and issued in this Judicial District; and/or Plaintiffs' claims arose in this Judicial District.

BACKGROUND

20) Defendants issued automobile insurance policies to Plaintiffs and the members of the Class during the Class Period. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are or were Good Drivers as defined in Cal. Ins. Code sections 1861.02 and 1861.025 throughout the terms of those policies. Exhibit A to this Complaint contains the relevant pages of Plaintiffs' insurance policies that clearly show Plaintiffs' Good Driver status. Each of the Class members was also a Good Driver policyholder as defined in Cal. Ins. Code Section 660, and entitled to receive Defendants' advertised, filed and legally required Good Driver

1 premium rates at clearly ascertainable times during the Class Period. 2 21) Plaintiffs have provided all of the information requested by Defendant insurers and the 3 authorized and licensed insurance agent representing Defendants through whom all of the 4 Plaintiffs' coverage was obtained during the Class Period, as evidenced by Defendants 5 issuing policies to Plaintiffs 6 22) The Plaintiffs have taken all actions necessary to obtain policies from Defendants land 7 to qualify for and obtain applicable Good Driver coverage at the lowest rate offered by 8 Defendants' Control Group that they were eligible for, as well as contractually and legally 9 required to receive. 10 **DEFENDANTS' WRONGFUL PRACTICES** 11 23) Defendants (a) contractually promised and/or (b) filed and obtained the necessary 12 regulatory approvals to offer and provide private passenger automobile coverage to 13 Defendants' insureds during the Class Period in the State of California. 14 24) California law requires that insurance companies writing automobile coverage for 15 liability, physical damage collision "or any combination thereof" for defined private 16 passenger vehicles offer a Good Driver discount to qualified drivers. (Cal. Ins. Code 17 Sections 1861.02 and 1861.025.) Such drivers are entitled to purchase a policy with the 18 lowest rate for that type of coverage from any Control Group – i.e. any company having 19 "common ownership" or operating in California under "common management or control." 20 Cal. Ins. Code Section 1861.16(b) provides, in relevant part, as follows: An agent or representative representing one or more insurers having 21 common ownership or operating in California under common management or control shall offer, and the insurer shall sell, a good driver discount policy to a 22 good driver from an insurer within that common ownership, management, or 23 control group, which offers the lowest rates for that coverage. This requirement applies notwithstanding the underwriting guidelines of any of those insurers or 24 the underwriting guidelines of the common ownership, management, or control group. 25 26 25) The same Insurance Code Section thereafter provides a limited exception to the "lowest 27

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1	rate" offer requirement for insurers within common management or control groups that
2	meet certain strict criteria establishing genuine company independence ("Super Group
3	Exception"):
4	Notwithstanding subdivision (b), [quoted in part above], insurers having common ownership and operating in California under common control
5	are not required to sell good driver discount policies issued by other insurers within the common ownership group if the commissioner
6	determines that the insurers satisfy each of the following conditions:
7	(A) The business operations of the insurers are independently managed and directed.
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9 10	(B) The insurers do not jointly develop loss or expense statistics or other data used in ratemaking, or in the preparation of rating systems or rate filings.
11	(C) The insurers do not jointly maintain or share loss or expense
12	statistics, or other data used in ratemaking or in the preparation
13	of rating systems or rate filings. This condition shall not apply if the data is generally available to the industry through a non-
14	affiliated third party and is obtained from that third party.
15	(D) The insurers do not utilize each other's marketing sales, or underwriting data.
16	(E) The insurers act independently of each other in determining,
17 18	filing, and applying base rates, factors, Class plans, and under- writing rules, and in the making of insurance policy forms.
10	(F) The insurers' sales operations are separate.
20	(G) The insurers' marketing operations are separate.
21	(H) The insurers' policy service operations are separate.
22	() possess possess operations are suppossess.
23	Cal. Ins. Code Section 1861.16(c)(1):
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25	26) Defendants do not meet these exception criteria, nor have they ever applied to the
26	Department of Insurance to be classified as exempt. As a result, Defendants are and were
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legally obligated to offer good driver rates as set out in the statute. In failing to do so,

Defendants have unlawfully charged and retained excessive premiums from Plaintiffs and
the members of the Class. Defendants charged these premiums in contravention of the
approved policy premiums contained in their regulatory rate filings and contrary to

Defendants' express and implied marketing representations.

- 27) As requested, and as evidenced by the issuance of policies. Plaintiffs paid their insurance premiums for automobile insurance as billed by Defendants, which improperly included overcharges without the lowest Good Driver rate among companies in their Control Group that they were entitled to receive.
- 28) Plaintiffs and the members of the Class reasonably expected that Defendants would issue correct and accurate invoices for their insurance premiums, and that the stated amount owed would accord with applicable rate filings, other requirements of the law, and Defendants' own representations.
- Throughout the Class Period, Defendants have engaged in a course of conduct designed to conceal and/or avoid their contractual, legal and equitable obligations to policyholders who have been wrongfully denied the lowest rates for the coverage(s) they were sold. Defendants did not inform policyholders who had been overcharged of their right to be reimbursed for their premium overpayments, and did not offer to or proceed to make the required reimbursements when their errors were discovered. Moreover, as a Control Group Defendants maintain and/or maintained substantially uniform and systematic policies, procedures and practices designed to conceal this wrongful conduct from Plaintiffs and the Class. By violating their contractual, legal and equitable obligations, Defendants have acted unreasonably, in bad faith, and in violation of their fiduciary duties, and have thereby significantly increased their profits at the expense of their policyholders.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

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- 30) This action is properly brought as a Class action for the following reasons:
- a. <u>Numerosity:</u> The Class is so numerous and geographically dispersed that joinder of all members is impracticable. Although Plaintiffs do not now know the exact number and identity of Class members, they believe that there are many thousands of Class members. The total number of Class members and their identities can be ascertained from Defendants' books, files and electronic records. Attempting to join and name each Class member as co-Plaintiffs would be unreasonable and impracticable.
- b. <u>Commonality:</u> Common questions of law and fact predominate over any individual questions. These questions all predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class members. They include:
 - (1) whether Defendants' failed to charge the Plaintiffs and the members of the Class the California Good Driver lowest rate available among Defendants' common ownership, management or control group as contained in Defendants' rate filings;
 - (2) whether Defendants' failure to reimburse their policyholders for the alleged overcharged premiums is a contractual breach and/or a violation of California Insurance Code Section 483.
 - (3) whether Defendants were required to inform all policyholders who were Good Drivers as statutorily defined, of the premium overcharges;
 - (4) if so, whether Defendants' failure to inform and reimburse its policyholders was a violation of their fiduciary responsibilities;
 - (5) whether the Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to restitution, disgorgement, and other appropriate equitable relief;
 - (6) whether Defendants have engaged in an actionable course of conduct designed to avoid and/or conceal their contractual and legal obligations to Plaintiffs and the Class, including an obligation to reimburse the Plaintiffs and

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1	the Class members for the overcharges;
2	(7) whether Defendants' established practices constitute a violation of their
3	fiduciary obligation to act in good faith and to engage in fair dealing with
4	insureds;
5	(8) whether the Plaintiffs and the Class have sustained damages and the
6	proper measure of those damages;
7	(9) whether the Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to an award of punitive
8	damages against Defendants; and
9	(10) whether the Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to recover their costs,
10	attorneys' fees and prejudgment interest.
11	c. Adequacy: The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the
12	members of the Class. The interests of the Class are coincident with, and not antagonistic to,
13	those of the Plaintiffs. Furthermore, the Plaintiffs are represented by experienced class action
14	counsel who will prosecute the action vigorously.
15	d. <u>Typicality:</u> Plaintiffs' claims are the same as those of the other members of the
16	Class and there are no conflicts of interest between them.
17	e. A Class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of
18	this controversy because:
19	(1) There is no special interest by Class members in individually controlling
20	the prosecution of separate actions;
21	(2) The damages sustained by individual Class members are relatively small
22	and the expense and burden of individual litigation makes it impossible for the
23	Class members individually to redress the wrongs done to them;
24	(3) When Defendants' liability has been adjudicated, claims of all Class
25	members can be administrated efficiently under the direction of or as determined
26	by this Court;
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1 (4) This action will promote an orderly and expeditious administration and 2 adjudication of the Class claims, ensuring economies of time, effort and 3 resources will be fostered and uniformity of decisions; 4 (5) Without a class action, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Class will 5 continue to suffer damages and Defendants' violations of law will proceed 6 without remedy; and 7 (6) There will be no insurmountable difficulty in the management of this 8 lawsuit as a Class action. 9 31) Common liability issues exist between Defendants and all of the members of the Class. 10 Thus, a trial of the Plaintiffs' claims will decide liability issues for all of the members of the defined Class. 11 12 32) Defendants have acted, or refused to act, on grounds generally applicable to the Class. 13 thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with 14 respect to the Class as a whole. 15 **LIMITATIONS** 16 33) Defendants knew and concealed from Plaintiffs and the Class that Defendants were 17 overcharging the Plaintiffs and the members of the Class when they failed to provide the 18 lowest rates for the coverage that were marketed and promised to their Good Driver 19 insureds and/or contained in Defendants' regulatory filings, that premium statements 20 reflected erroneous overcharges, and that Defendant failed to reimburse the Plaintiffs and 21 the Class for premium overcharges due to failing to provide the lowest rates for Good 22 Driver discount eligible Plaintiffs and Class members. 23 34) Because of Defendants' active concealment and ongoing fraudulent actions, the 24 Plaintiffs and the Class were not reasonably able to discover Defendants' wrongful conduct 25 and/or discover the premium overcharges. 26 35) Defendants had a fiduciary and contractual duty to Plaintiffs and the Class to disclose 27

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1 the improper premium overcharges and refund the overcharges to the Plaintiffs and the 2 Class. As a result of Defendants' misrepresentations and fraudulent concealment, Defendants 3 36) 4 are equitably estopped from asserting a statute of limitations defense. 5 COUNT I 6 (BREACH OF CONTRACT) 7 8 37) Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations contained in the paragraphs above, as if 9 fully set forth here. 10 38) Defendants entered into standard-form automobile insurance contracts with Plaintiffs 11 and the Class members they seek to represent. These are binding contracts under which the 12 rates were to be accurately calculated in accordance with the fixed rate plans and applicable 13 California law. The premiums due for insurance coverage under these policies were to be 14 determined by: (a) applicable contractual undertakings and/or (b) regulatory filings, 15 including qualified driver Good Driver rates pursuant to Cal. Ins. Code Sections 1861.02 16 and 1861.025. Plaintiffs and the Class reasonably expected Defendants would comply 17 with California law and regulations by offering the lowest rates available in Defendants' 18 Control Group for insureds eligible for the Good Driver discount 19 39) Plaintiffs and the Class were issued insurance policies by Defendants, which required as 20 condition precedent the performance by Plaintiffs and the Class, including the payment of 21 premiums that were billed by Defendants and were required to be paid in order to obtain or 22 maintain the coverage promised in the policy contracts. 23 40) Defendants materially breached these contracts by overcharging the Plaintiffs and the 24 members of the Class for automobile insurance. 25 41) As a result of Defendants' material breaches of these contracts, Plaintiffs and the 26 members of the Class are entitled to an award of damages. Alternatively, Plaintiffs and the 27

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1	members of the Class are entitled to specific performance in the form of reimbursement for
2	the overpayment. COUNT II
3	(BAD FAITH AND BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING)
5	42) The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations contained in the paragraphs above, as
6	if fully set forth herein.
7	43) Defendants entered into standard-form automobile insurance contracts with Plaintiffs
8	and the Class members, thereby creating an insurer-insured fiduciary relationship between
9	Defendants and each Class member.
10	44) Pursuant to Defendants' fiduciary relationship with the Plaintiffs and each Class
11	member, Defendants owed the highest duty under the law to treat each policyholder with
12	utmost good faith and fair dealing, including duties to:
13	1) accurately apply filed and approved premium rates;
14	2) accurately calculate premiums due from policyholders;
15	3) fully and promptly disclose any inaccuracies and overcharges at the time they were
16	discovered;
17	4) promptly resolve any premium overcharges that were inconsistent with Defendants'
18	express and/or implied marketing representations made and/or filed rate plans;
19	5) promptly reimburse policyholders for overcharges; and
20	6) otherwise comply with governing law.
21	45) Defendants acted unreasonably and unlawfully in relationship to the Plaintiffs and Class
22	members, including by:
23	1) failing to offer rates and calculate premiums in compliance with their contractual
24	obligations and/or rate filings;
25	2) overcharging their policyholders by not offering the lowest rate for the coverages
26	within their Control Group;
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FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

- 58) Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations contained in the paragraphs above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 59) Defendants misrepresented material facts regarding the lowest Good Driver rates they promised and were legally obligated to provide to the Plaintiffs and the Class members.
- 60) Defendants made express and/or implied representations that they would provide the lowest rates for the coverage offered in accordance with their rate filing plan and applicable law, but they then failed to do so, instead overcharging Plaintiffs and the Class members for policy premiums.
- of the policy premiums owed by Class members as qualified Good Drivers and/or as approved and/or filed with the California Department of Insurance. Defendants knew that they should have informed the Plaintiffs and the Class members of the material inaccuracies in the premiums paid and have not taken measures to inform Plaintiffs and the Class nor reimburse them for the overcharges. Defendants have a duty to affirmatively disclose the overcharges and reimburse their policyholders who made the overpayments without delay. They have not done so.
- 62) Specifically, Defendants failed to disclose to the Plaintiffs and the Class:
 - 1) that Defendants had charged Plaintiffs and members of the Class premiums higher than the rates they were entitled to as statutorily-defined Good Drivers;
 - 2) the amount of the premium overcharges; and
 - 3) the duration of the overcharges.

Management employees within Defendants' California licensed company Control

Group made these material omissions throughout the Class Period and continue to make them
to this day.

Plaintiffs and the Class justifiably relied upon the representations of material facts, which were false and misleading.

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1 COUNT VII 2 VIOLATION OF SECTION 17200 OF THE CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND 3 (Unfair Business Practice) 4 Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the preceding 73) 5 paragraphs. 6 74) Defendants' acts and practices, as alleged in this Complaint, constitute unfair business 7 practices that violate California Business and Professions Code § 17200 et seq. 8 75) The wrongful charging of excessive insurance premiums and the making of false 9 representations about the premiums charged violates public policy and creates a harm to 10 Plaintiffs and the Class that vastly outweighs any utility of Defendant's conduct (of which 11 there is none). Consumers, unaware of Defendants' misrepresentations and misconduct. 12 could not have reasonably avoided the harm. 13 76) To this day, Defendants have failed to disclose the facts concerning their insurance 14 premium overcharges, facts that would be and are material to Plaintiffs and the Class. 15 77) As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unfair methods of competition and 16 unfair or deceptive acts or practices, Plaintiffs and the Class have lost money through the 17 payment of excessive insurance premiums. 18 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated. 19 demand the relief set forth below. 20 21 VIOLATION OF SECTION 17200 OF THE CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND 22 PROFESSIONS CODE (Fraudulent Business Practice) 23 24 78) Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the preceding 25 paragraphs. 26 79) Defendants' acts and practices as alleged in this Complaint constitute fraudulent 27

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1	business practices that violate the Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200
2	et seq. Defendants engaged in fraudulent business practices by failing to disclose material
3	facts concerning their automobile insurance rates, including that their rates violated Cal.
4	Ins. Code, and by representing that they provided to statutory Good Drivers the lowest rates
5	within their Control Group.
6	80) Defendants' fraudulent practices were designed to induce Plaintiffs and the Class to
7	purchase and maintain automobile insurance at Defendants' illegal rates.
8	81) As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' fraudulent methods of competition and
9	deceptive acts or practices, Plaintiffs and the Class have lost money by overpaying for
10	automobile insurance at illegal rates.
11	WHEREFORE Plaintiffs, on their own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly
12	situated, demand the relief set out below.
13	<u>PRAYER</u>
14	WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs request that the Court enter judgment in their favor and in
15	the favor of the members of the Class and against Defendants jointly and severally as follows:
16	1) Determining that the action is properly maintained as a Class action; certifying the
17	Class; certifying the Plaintiffs as Class representatives for the Class; and appointing
18	the Plaintiffs' counsel as counsel for the Class;
19	2) Awarding compensatory and punitive damages in excess of \$5,000,000.00, plus
20	attorneys' fees, and costs;
21	3) Awarding pre-judgment interest;
22	4) Awarding post-judgment interest as provided by law;
23	5) Awarding suitable equitable, injunctive and declaratory relief;
24	6) Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17203:
25	(i) permanently enjoining all Defendants, their employees, agents,
26	representatives, successors, assigns, and all persons who have acted in
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1	concert with them from further committing the acts of unfair competition
2	alleged above;
3	(ii) requiring them to restore to the Plaintiffs and the Class the money
4	acquired by Defendants' acts and practices constituting unfair
5	competition; and
6	(iii) requiring them to offer re-placement of the Plaintiffs and the Class
7	members into Defendants' California licensed Control Group companies
8	with the lowest Good Driver rate for the coverage as required by
9	California law.
10	7) Providing such other and further relief as is just and appropriate.
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12	JURY DEMAND
13	Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Plaintiffs and the
14	members of the Class hereby demand trial by jury on all eligible claims and issues.
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16	Respectfully submitted,
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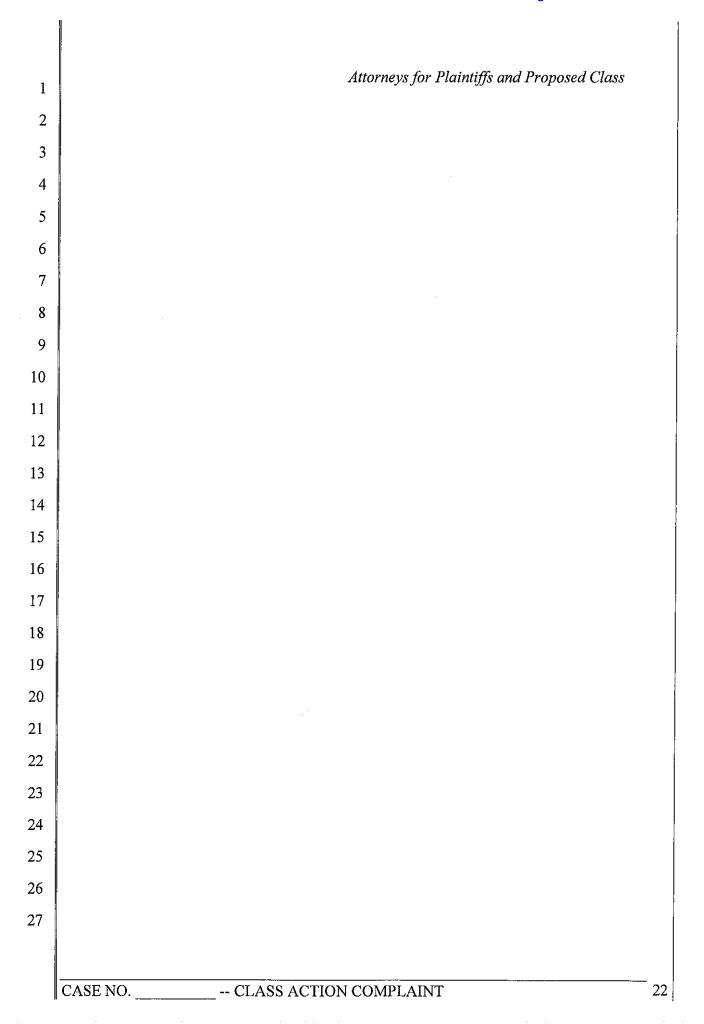


EXHIBIT A



PO Box 3199 Winston Salem, NC 27102-3199

EDD RUSSELL KING 1240 QUESADA AVE SAN FRANCISCO CA 94124-3335 Policy Number:
2001393149

Named Insured:
Edd Russell King

Policy Period:
6/2/2012 - 6/2/2013

Date of Notice:
6/2/2012

Policy Underwritten By:
National General Insurance Company

24 Hour Claim Reporting: 1-800-325-1088
For Policy Information: 1-888-293-5108

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New Business Effective 6/2/2012

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#1	Edd Russell King			····		Operator:	Principal #1	
	Driver Status	License# L	ic. State	Date of Birth	Gender	Marital Status	Driver Pts	Yrs. Licensed
	Rated Driver	XXX4482 C		11/11/1957	Male	Married	0	37
#2	Diedre Lynn Johnson					Operator:	Principal #2	<u> </u>
	Driver Status	License# Li	ic. State	Date of Birth	Gender	Marital Status	Driver Pts	Yrs. Licensed
	Rated Driver	XXX5464 C	A	10/18/1960	Female	Married	0	35
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Bodily !	Injury			\$100,000 Each	Person / \$3	300,000 Each Accident	!	\$165.00
Propert	ty Damage			\$100,000 Each Accident				\$120.00
Medical Payments				\$5,000 Each Person / Each Accident				\$32.00
Uninsured / Underinsured Motorist			\$100,000 Each Person / \$300,000 Each Accident			•	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
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Other Than Collision			\$250 Deductible)		\$127.00		
Collisior	า			\$500 Deductible	•		\$277.00	
Collisio	n Deductible Waiver			\$500 Deductible	e Waiver		Included	
Rental	Reimbursement			\$45 Each Day,	\$1350 Each	Term		\$45.00
				Total For This	Vehicle			\$805.00
#2 200	8 FORD EDGE SEL	VIN:		Usage:			Annual	Mileage:
		2FMDK38CX8B 10	A69702-	Other			3000	0
Garagir	ng Location:	94124-3335						
Loss Payee Address Ford Motor Credit Company PO Box 390910, Minneapo		* * *	1					
		olis MN 55439-09	910					
	iges Provided	·	•	Limits / Deduc			Premium	
_		\$100,000 Each			\$165.00			
•	y Damage			\$100,000 Each			\$120.00	
	l Payments			\$5,000 Each Pe			\$32.00	
ii -		\$100,000 Each			\$39.00			
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Bodily Injury
Other Than Collision
Collision
Collision Deductible Waiver
Rental Reimbursement

\$250 Deductible \$500 Deductible \$500 Deductible Waiver \$45 Each Day, \$1350 Each Term **Total For This Vehicle**

\$291.00 Included \$45.00

\$810.00

\$118.00

Combined Vehicle Premium
Total 12 Month Policy Premium

\$1,615.00 \$1,615.00

Discounts Applied

Policy Level

Multi-car Discount

Driver Level

#2 #1 Good Driver Discount
Good Driver Discount

Disclosure of Possible Additional Charges

The amounts below are authorized for use in this state. However, they are only charged if they apply to your policy.

Nonsufficient Funds Charge

\$25.00

Forms and Endorsements

Endorsement	Edition	
01829	06011994	SOUND RECEIVING & TRANSMITTING EQUIP COVERAGE
01873	01011998	LOSS PAYABLE CLAUSE
01955	03012006	AMENDMENT OF POLICY PROVISIONS
01974	04011986	SPLIT UNINSURED MOTORISTS LIMITS COVERAGE
01975	12011999	UNINSURED MOTORISTS COVERAGE - CA
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Authorized Signature

GMAC Insurance

PO Box 3199 Winston Salem, NC 27102-3199

ELMO SHEEN # 628 10907 MÄGNOLIA BLVD NORTH HOLLYWOOD CA 91601-3904 Policy Number: 2001481795

Named Insured:

Elmo Sheen

Policy Period:

12:01 A.M.

7/21/2013 - 7/21/2014

Date of Notice:

6/17/2013

Policy Underwritten By:

National General Insurance Company

24 Hour Claim Reporting: 1-800-468-3466 For Policy Information: 1-877-325-7727 www.GMACInsurance.com

Your Agent:

Maaz Insurance Agency 4212 West Burbank Burbank CA 91505 (818) 957-2250

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Renewal Effective 7/21/2013

NATIONAL GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

#1	ers and Household F	testaents			 	Amenica	58	
11-1	Driver Status	License #	Lic. State	Date of Birth	Gender	Operator: Marital Status	Principal #1	Mar 11 are an
	Rated Driver	XXX6859	CA CA	11/18/1954	Gender Male	Married	Driver Pts 0	Yrs, Licensed
#2	Tara Q Quinn	γινισούο	ŲA.	1 11 10/ 1954	Iviale.		<u> </u>	42 US;0 INT'L
17,4	Driver Status	License #	Lic. State	Date of Birth	^ hinday	Operator:	Deliver Die	Vist 1 language and
	Rated Driver	XXX6396	CA		Gender	Marital Status	Driver Pts	Yrs. Licensed
	Accidents/Violations	40.00	UA .	8/6/1976	Female	Married	1	20 US;0 INT'L
	#1	and the second second	Contaction	-4 <i>F</i> t	11	(1. S		
	#*	Date:10/30/2012	Speeding <	=15 mph over, e	xcludes stat	e exceptions		
Insure	ed Vehicle(s) and Sc	hedule of Cove	rages					
#1 2008 LNDR RANGE RO		VIN:		Usage:			Prior Term	
							Annual	
							Mileage:	•
<u>.</u> .			BA129450-22	Other			12000	12000
Garaging Location:		91601						
Coverages Provided				Limits / Deductibles				Premium
Bodily	· ·			\$25,000 Each Person / \$50,000 Each Accident				\$804.00
	ty Damage			\$25,000 Each Accident				\$380.00
	red / Underinsured Motori	ist		\$15,000 Each Person / \$30,000 Each Accident				
Bodily I								\$202.00
4.0	Than Collision			\$1,000 Deductible				\$414.00
Collisio				\$1000 Deductible				\$1,192.00
Collision Deductible Waiver		\$1000 Deductible Waiver				Included		
Rental Reimbursement			\$30 Each Day,	\$900 Each	Term		\$25.00	
	•			Total For This	Vehicle			\$3,017.00
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,						Combined Vehicle Pre	mium	\$3,017.00
					*-	Total 12 Month Policy		\$3,017.00

Discounts Applied

Driver Level

Good Driver Discount

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Good Driver Discount

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Forms and Endorsements

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UNINSURED MOTORISTS COVERAGE

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PERSONAL AUTO POLICY

Book a Cooking

Authorized Signature